



# NOW NEWS

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## from Your President

Now that we are at the end of another year for NOW, let's look at what we have done to improve numismatics in Wisconsin. I took office at our May convention in Waukesha. At that time our membership was less than 300. Over two thirds of the members were dealers. This arises from our policy that all bourse dealers be members of the Numismatists of Wisconsin. At the present time our membership is slightly over 300 members and will continue to increase with your help.

In regards to our quarterly magazine, I appointed Gene Johnson as editor, and Gene's wife is assisting with the typing of our magazine. I have appointed Harry Collins as Show Date Coordinator and Harold Helm to coordinate the Wisconsin Writ-

ers group and A.N.A. Representative. I would like to thank Gene and Irene Johnson for their continuing efforts to make NOW News the best state organization newsletter in the country.

I would also like to thank the Waukesha NOW Show Committee for a very successful state convention. I would also like to add that the Waukesha show set a new record for profitability for a state convention in Wisconsin. The NOW share of the profit was approximately \$2500. Another numismatic first for NOW was the auction held by Kurt Krueger. I must say that Kurt did a very fine job in putting together a splendid selection of both coins and currency and he did a fine job of handling the auction in general.

I would also like to thank the entire membership for their support since May

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and their many suggestions to make NOW a better organization for all of us.

Now that we have looked back, lets look ahead. In order to make 1981 a even better year, I would like to make the following challenges to the membership:

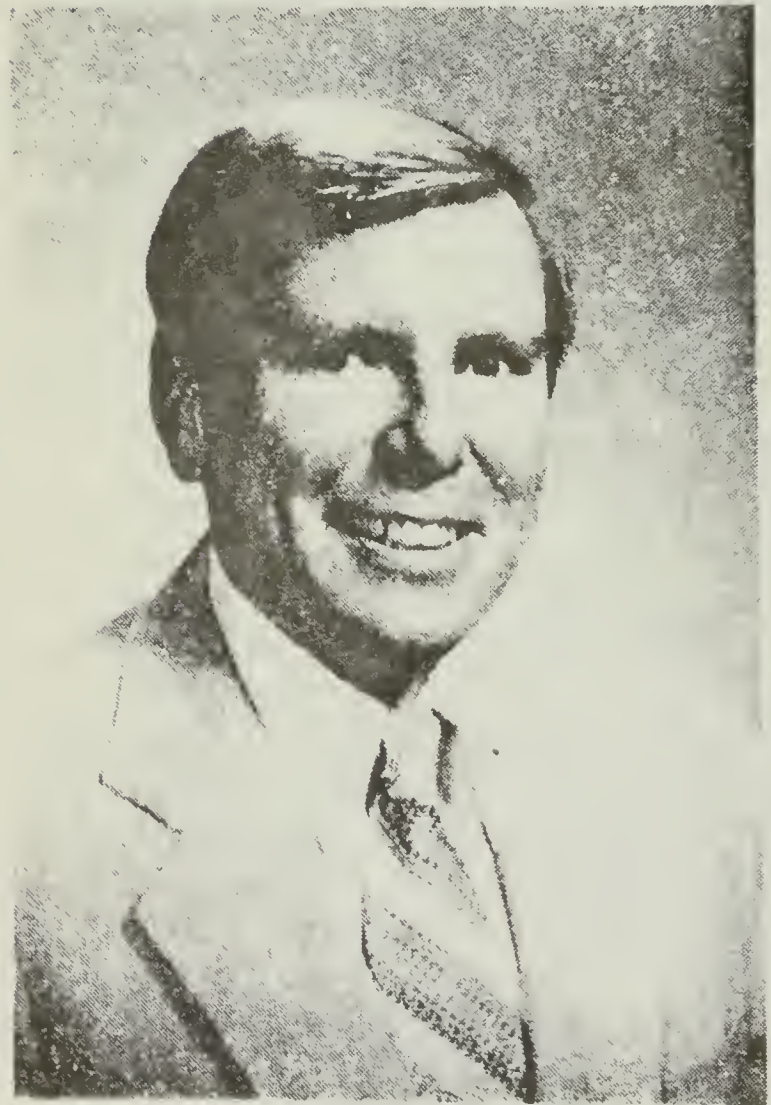
1. Get one or more friends to join NOW. Talk up NOW at your local coin clubs. We have newspapers to give out as samples at meetings and many of the officers are willing to give talks at meetings in their area.
2. Get some junior members to join your local club and NOW. We are starting to build an active young numismatist program, the program will be under the capable guidance of Peter Phillips. If you have ideas which you think will enhance the program, send them to Peter Phillips or Mike Segersin.
3. Contribute stories to your local newsletter and NOW News. Stories for NOW News should be sent to Gene Johnson. Also send in your show dates and photos of

club activities. Photos of club activities should be black and white jumbo prints. Also include the names of people in the photos.

I want to thank all of you for making NOW a stronger organization. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,

*Mike S.*



YOUR  
N.O.W. PRESIDENT  
MIKE SEGERSIN

NOW BOARD ACTION

The NOW Board of Governors met in Milwaukee on Sept. 21st. Present were:

Pres. Mike Segersin  
 V. Pres. Harold Helm  
 Sec. Jerome Tillung  
 Board: Mark Ferguson  
           Vicky Klausch  
           Peter Phillips  
           Len Roosmalen  
           Dick Anderson  
           Tom Fruit  
 Editor: Gene Johnson  
 Excused: Del Bertschy

President Segersin announced a NOW membership drive designed to re-sign and recruit 100 new NOW members. To implement the drive, the board voted to reduce NOW dues to \$3.00 beginning Jan. 1st, 1981. This will make NOW competitive with other State and Regional numismatic organizations. New stationary and membership blanks were authorized to be printed.

In other actions, President Segersin appointed Harold "Harry" Collins of Schofield as local show date co-ordinator, and Peter Phillips of Madison as Chairman of a committee to study the sale of raffle tickets for the benefit of the Young Wisconsin Numismatists.

Vice President, Harold Helm was appointed Wisconsin Numismatic Writers Co-ordinator replacing Gene Johnson who is now NOW News editor.

## Numismatists of Wisconsin

The object of the Numismatists of Wisconsin is to encourage and promote interest in numismatics, to cultivate friendly relations between Wisconsin coin collectors and the coin clubs of Wisconsin, as well as collectors of other states, and to encourage and assist new collectors and coin clubs.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

In accordance with Article I, Section I, of the NOW Bi Laws, I hereby issue a call for nominations for persons to stand election for 3 year terms as NOW governors.

Any individual who has been a member of NOW for a minimum of one year, may be nominated for the Board of Governors.

Each and every member should exercise this key franchise of membership, grass roots involvement in our organization means your representatives implement your ideas!

The acceptance of nominations will close on March 1, 1981.

Send the nominations to:

Jerome Tillung - Sec.  
 817 Morningside Drive  
 Eau Claire  
 WI. 54701

Do your part in re-building NOW!

Mike Segersin,  
 NOW President



ALLAN V.B. CLARK  
MEMORIAL AWARD

By Harold Collins - WNWA

Starting himself late in life in the coin dealing business, Allan Clark was an inspiration to me, and because of this I have been awarding placques to fellow Wisconsinites for their unselfishness in promoting the hobby through youth.

Allan Clark, born April 27, 1902, started dealing in coins in 1958, and helped start me up in dealing in 1959 after I moved next door to him at the age of 11. Allan worked his business out of his home, a trailer house located halfway between Oconomowoc and Okauchee, and through a P.O.Box (#1) in Dousman.

I had already been collecting coins, since the age of 9, but at this age it was definately a hinder to spend up to \$50 for an XF 09-S-VBD or to pop that same \$50 for a Fine 14-D. With Allan's help, and that of my father, it soon became easy to buy and acquire these needed rarities, but this would not have been easy without some guidance.

At the time that the move to Wisconsin by my parents became necessary, I had already started collecting odd coins because of a truck driver paying for his 30+ gallons of fuel with a 10

dollar bill and a buffalo nickel. (Do you still remember the 30¢ gallon?). My parents owned a truck stop at which I gained allowance money by working the pumps or in the kitchen dish washing. My father decided to go into the coin-operated laundry sales, and one of his first sales was to a fellow that wanted three separate locations. Well, with our move to this trailer court near Oconomowoc, and having dad bring home some bags of coins from Waukesha, Pewaukee, and Oconomowoc laundry's each night, it seemed as though Allan got nosey about the bags. With his guidance I started sorting these bags for the terrific finds. I can still remember taking about \$2 face in coins and getting \$15 from Allan.

Well, with the suggestion of Allan, it was decided that I should start hanging onto some of these coins, for future resale, which was nearer than I had thought. About three weeks later Allan invited me to a club meeting and told me to bring along some of thoes duplicates. To say the least, the sales went good, and with further suggestions Allan had me coming to a coin show in Milwaukee, during my 12th birthday, to buy and sell at his bourse table. I even got to sell some of my merchan-

dise, where once again sales were good.

I even helped Allan out during the summer and winter months doing odd jobs, for which he would help fill thoes empty slots in the folders. Even to keep me active and searching for more material Allan would give me empty folders of different series so that the hunt was still on. Even old catalogs and price books were handed to me so that I could gather history and knowledge on those rainy days.

Allan Clark passed away April 26, 1971, and with his loss, a lot of potential collectors never began the hobby. I am one of the luckier junior collectors who had a great leader to help furthur a budding interest in a hobby, into a business and greater hobby.

Several other Wisconsin adults have also done this same deed in helping promote numismatics through the youth. Gerald 'Gene' Johnson, the first recipient of a 'ALLAN V.B. CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD' in 1974, was just recently honored with the Numismatic Ambassador Award by Chester Krause, President of Krause Publication. This is a much deserved award for Gene. The second recipient was Kurt R. Krueger, who has gone onto much numismatic fame. Peter Phillips of Madison was the third to reci-

eive an award, and again this year Peter was honored with a NOW Award Scholarship to attend the ANA Summer Seminar. The 1977 winner, Richard Anderson of Menasha was selected for his talks at several schools, the Lions and Rotary functions, and exhibiting at banks. In 1978 two awards were handed out. One to Falls Coins who had been promoting numismatics to the youth of Menomonee Falls area. The other 1978 Allan Clark Award was presented for an overall past performance to Numismatic News. Their article on new finds, new issues, history of past coinage, mail bid sales and general news releases were cited as reasons for presenting the award.

You may be asking yourself how this award can be won, or how this award can be presented from your nomination. Rules are simple, and outlined as follows:

#### ALLAN V.B. CLARK MEMORIAL AWARD

##### Rules:

Nominee (the recipient) is to be a resident of Wisconsin, and over the age of 21.

The nominator should be a junior coin collector under the age of 18. An adult can nominate if he has first hand knowledge of the event, or history, that took place, in so much as to qualify the



recipient for the award.

Application must be filled out by nominator, to the best of his knowledge, signed by the nominator, with a short history, or reason for making the application for award.

Application should follow this form:

Recipients name:  
Address:  
Approximate age:  
Nominators name:  
Address:  
Age:  
Telephone number:

History or Event that took place: (Please make statement as short as possible)  
Nominators signature:

Mail application to Clark Award. PO Box 711, Menomonee Falls, WI. 53051

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LUELLA and DEL BERTSCHY

At the Milwaukee Fall Convention, Del Bertschy announced his retirement as general chairman of the Numismatic Societys annual shows. According to Del, he's trained some excellent replacements, but many feel no one person can fill those shoes. Del and Luella will continue to be active in the Milwaukee club.

#### NICOLET SHOW

The "Spring Show" of the Nicolet Coin Club will be held at the Midway Motor Lodge, 780 Packer Drive, Green Bay, on Feb. 15th, 1981. Bourse applications are still available from Tom Fruit or Hank Theele at Downtown P.O. Box 152, Green Bay, WI. 54305

# A.N.A. 1980.

## ANA EXHIBIT WINNERS

NOW members won several prestigious exhibit awards in the 1980 ANA competition at Cincinnati.

For the fourth time in four years Len Roosmalen NOW #L-46 won the Numismatic Error Collectors award, this years offering was: "My Favorite Error, Lincoln Cent Coins." The exhibit team of Vicki and Russ Klausch did well, Vicki snapping up the "Private Mint Issues Since 1960" award for her Gilroy Roberts gold display. Vicki also received the Charles L. Andes award (a large gold medalion) for this display. Russ took an ANA second place award for his gaming token display.

Jack Huggins, NOW #1019 who has switched from exhibiting coins to medals and decorations, won the Burton Saxton Memorial Award (1st place) plus a third place in the medals category. To those of us who have claimed Wisconsin exhibits are among the finest in the nation, its just "suspicions confirmed"!

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ANA is under the direction of an executive vice president, who reports to a nine member board of governors, which establishes policy and regulations.

## SHAFFER IS PRESIDENT

Neil Shafer (NOW #384), became president of the International Bank Note Society in ceremonies held during the 89th annual convention of ANA in Cincinnati. Neil, a member of the Racine Numismatic Society, is nationally recognized as an expert in off beat U.S., and foreign currencies.

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## CORRESPONDENCE COURSE POPULAR

The ANA Intermediate Numismatic Correspondence Course was inaugurated by the American Numismatic Association in March 1979, and since that time over a thousand courses have been delivered, and 300 collectors have earned Graduation certificates.

Collectors interested in obtaining additional information about the Intermediate Numismatic Correspondence Course are invited to write to the American Numismatic Association (ANA), P.O. Box 2366, Colorado Springs, CO. 80901. Membership in the Association is not a requirement for taking the course.



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By Gene Johnson WNW

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One of the highlights of our 1980 summer vacation in Canada was a visit to the Royal Canadian Mint at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Located in an open field outside the sprawling metropolis of Winnipeg, (624 thousand people) this beautiful facility was built with the public in mind.

From the busy four lane highway, the futuristic building and beautiful grounds give no indication of the pure functional nature of this minting factory, our party actually drove past several miles before realizing we had passed the Mint!

The Mint building, as portrayed on the souvenir medalet, is eye appealing and ultra modern in architectural design, and beautifully landscaped both inside and out, with growing native shrubs, plants and trees, set around a series of crystal clear fountains and waterfalls.

Inside the building is a glass walled, two-story lo-

bby, which gives visitors an eye level, and birds eye view of coin production in all but the raw metal smelting phases. No metal smelting is done at the Winnipeg Mint, the metal coils of blank planchet material are delivered ready to be punched.

At 30 minute intervals a 12 minute film on minting is shown in a 50 chair auditorium, the film is coin history oriented, and in beautiful color.

The entire second floor balcony is arranged for visitor viewing and touring following the film. Double pane window glass keeps noise and odors inside the factory, and bilingual (French & English) signs and displays lead visitors on a step by step trip through the minting process. Tour guides are provided to answer questions, but the signs and illustrations are self-explanatory.

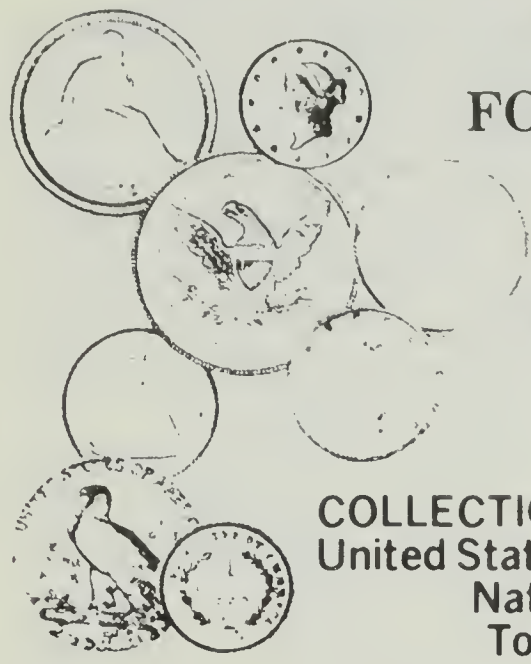
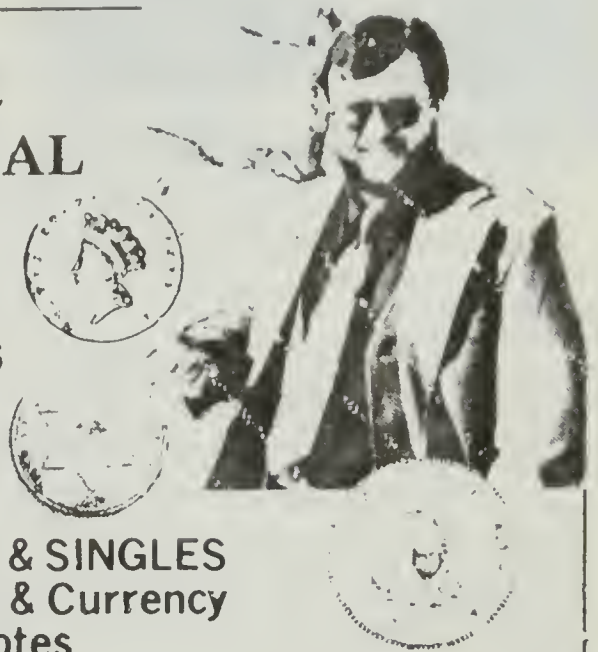
After the tour, the attractive coin displays in the lower lobby were very popular, the ultra modern displays were tastefully done in attractive colors.

The thing that impressed me most during our visit was the casual sweeping up of the spilled coins after minting. True, they were only aluminum minor coins of Bangladesh, but seeing coins swept up was a new experience.



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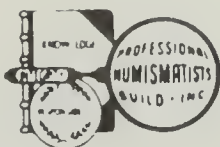
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## VIEWS - THE FALL SHOWS

### BARABOO

Held at the Elks Club, this late summer show drew very well and had good public interest. Baraboo exhibits were very light, (4 cases), but tables and chairs for the hobbiest to sit and chat made the show very social. Food on the site good as usual. Nice show.

### LA CROSSE

After a hassle with Ramada Inn, the show was held down river one mile at the Holiday Inn. Very nice site and dealer accomodations, small crowds and only six exhibits. Food next door was excellent.

### MILWAUKEE

Red Carpet Expo Center, 148 tables, great radio and newspaper advertising and huge crowds. Twenty one cases of top quality exhibits and excellent registration and security. Just a beautifully run large show! On site food so - so, but lots of good fast food nearby. Rooms at Red Carpet Inn were \$60.00 per night for doubles.

### FOND DU LAC

The Veterans building is a fine meeting place tho a little short of parking. Small crowd up thru noon tho advertising was increased and the Fond Du Lac club members are among the hardest workers in the state. Eleven cases of exhibits and nice trophys.

The new (second year) site may take a while to catch on after many years at the Karl Ray Lanes.

This club puts on a quality show.

Big photo coverage of the fall shows will be featured in the spring NOW News!

### OCONOMOWOC

Nice weather probably hampered attendance at this years Oconomowoc show, but ticket sales were great, (800+) and dealers seemed to do well. Bourse was set up Saturday night, a nice feature, and 50 attendance prizes were given at half hour intervals by this inovative club.

### CAMBRIDGE

Held October 12th at the Lake Ripley Country Club, ten dealers, light crowds, and no exhibits, but the dealers must be happy, this nice little show just goes on year after year!



### APPLETON

This commercial show was scheduled against a Green Bay Packer home game which no doubt held down the crowd. A nice selection of coins offered by a large number of dealers, no exhibits, door prize drawings or food on the site.

All present were shocked by the sudden death of dealer John Wercinski (NOW#849) of Stambough, Michigan. John died on the morning of the show at the Appleton Excell Inn.

### JANESVILLE

No report received on this show, will check with Jerry Crain and try to have a report in the spring issue of NOW News.

### GREEN BAY

Nice meeting place at Downtowner Motel, attendance and exhibits were light. Harry Collins photos will be included in the spring NOW News.

THE OLD NOW NEWS IS BACK!

DID YOU KNOW?

President McKinley appears on the \$500 bill, Cleveland on the \$1,000 bill, Madison on the \$5,000 bill, and a non President, Chase, on the \$10,000 note.

### SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COIN SHOW CO-ORDINATOR

Harry Collins, NOW local show co-ordinator has been burning the phone lines to set up a schedule of spring shows that does not conflict on any given date. Due to the sudden sale of the Red Carpet Expo we do have one conflict, (Kenosha-Madison). Club officials, plan your show to the open date, call or write Harry about your local fall show today. Give him your corresponding secretarys name and phone number, we'll help! Harrys address is: P.O. Box 6, Schofield, WI. 54476, or call 715-359-9492.

### THOUGHTS ON EXHIBITS

The November issue of the Numismatist cast some rather gloomy light on numismatic exhibiting, an area of concern that every show chairman in Wisconsin can identify with. While the quality of the good exhibits has never been better in Wisconsin, the number of cases displayed is a cause of concern. ANA figures from 1976 to 1980 show a drop from 495 cases in 1976, to 252 at the 1980 Cincinnati convention. Exhibitors dropped from 151 to 88 in the same 5 years.

## THE LAFAYETTE MEMORIAL DOLLAR

By Mike Segersin - WNW

Among the American contributions to the 1900 Paris Exposition were Paul Bartlett's Lafayette equestrian statue and the Lafayette Memorial Dollar designed by Charles Barber. The coin was authorized on March 3, 1899, and very rapidly became a top priority project at the Mint.

To eliminate the usual preliminaries, Barber took full responsibility for the design of the coin. On March 25, 1899, Barber wrote to Director Roberts to request a sketch of the Lafayette Memorial by Paul Bartlett.

On April 12, 1899 Barber submitted several sketches of the new Lafayette Memorial Dollar. Among the designs were the portraits of Washington and Lafayette. Also there was much confusion on the part of the Lafayette Memorial Commission as to whether the statue would be a single figure or the familiar equestrian figure. As a result of the confusion designs were submitted containing a single figure of Lafayette and the equestrian statue of Lafayette. Some of the designs which were submitted also contained the value on the obverse and a prayer on the reverse. It was also sugges-

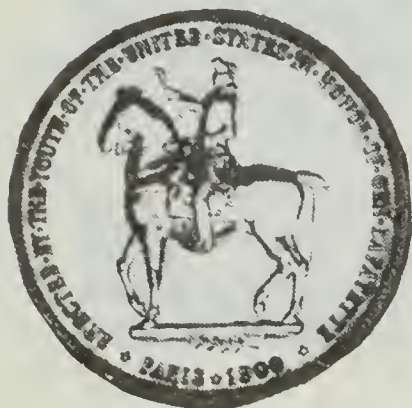
ted that the size of the dollar be increased. This suggestion was rejected because of the stiking difficulty which would have been encountered.

The designs with the single figure were rejected because there was no authority for using the single figure of Lafayette. The confusion came from the Lafayette Memorial Committee. Apparently they did not know in advance of the April 12 date whether the statue would be the single figure or the equestrian statue.

Eventually, director Roberts approved the sketches showing the co-joined heads of Washington and Lafayette for the obverse and the equestrian statue for the reverse. The approval came on or shortly before May 23, 1899 and was given without consulting the Lafayette Memorial Commission.

The prototypes that Barber used for the heads of Washington and Lafayette were named in a letter to the Mint Director on May 23, 1899. In this letter Barber proposed to make dies from Houdon's Head of Washington and also the head on the medal Washington before Boston by DuViver. For the Lafayette head he proposed to use a French medal engraved by Caunois in 1824. It is not really clear how much Barber relied on the medals, how-





## THE LAFAYETTE DOLLAR

ever, it can be assumed that he did consult the Centennial of Yorktown medal for the obverse design.

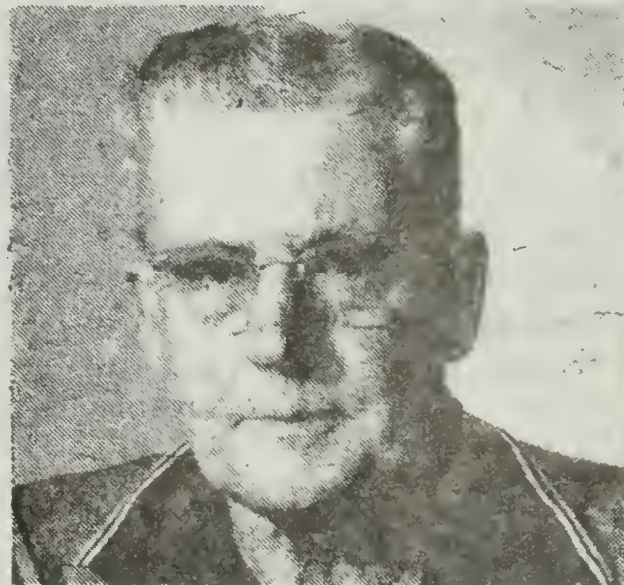
The first Lafayette Dollar was struck at 11:15 A.M. on December 14, 1899. The striking proceeded at the rate of eighty coins per minute and the entire issue of 50,000 coins were struck on December 14. The issue price was \$2. The collectors even back in the early 1900 era were interested in obtaining the first strike of the Lafayette Dollar. The price for the first strike was bid up to \$5000, but the coin was destined to be given as a presentation piece to the French President.

Of the orders for the 50,000 coins, 30,000 coins were ordered from New York alone.

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NOW members were saddened by the death of Cale B. Jarvis, well known Canadian publisher and numismatic activist. Jarvis, who spent several years in the mid sixties in Central Wisconsin working with Chet Krause on "Canadian Coin News", was a fixture at NOW shows held during this time. Cale was 69 years old at the time of his death.



## OSHKOSH CLUB BANQUET

The 20 year banquet of the Oshkosh Coin Club was held at the Hour Restaurant, October 15th, 1980. Fifty members and guests, including some former members, enjoyed a fine family style chicken and ham dinner.

Special guest speakers were Russ Porter of Milwaukee and Chet Krause of Iola. Irene Blanchette, the Oshkosh club historian, distributed copies of a special 20 year club booklet.

Club worker Ron Saft won the Rose Luker memorial award for the year 1980.

The Luker traveling trophy is given to the member most active in club affairs for the year, and is in memory of the club's first secretary who died in a boating accident in 1965.

Later, Saft conducted a raffle for numerous door prizes.

Three charter members from 1960 are still active members, they are Frank Allen, Irene Blanchette, and Elizabeth Neumueller.

## HARTZOG TOP RECRUITER

NOW member, Rich Hartzog, of Rockford, Illinois, was the top membership recruiter on the TAMS Board of Governors in 1979/80. Hartzog (NOW #L-33) is a dealer in tokens and medals.



## WAUSAU BANQUET

The Silver Anniversary banquet of the Wisconsin Valley Coin Club was held November 1st at the Riverside Supper Club in Merrill. President Ed Rahn welcomed 50 members and guests to an excellent family style meal. Guest speaker Chet Krause outlined numismatic activities in the last 25 years including hobby and coin growth.

On behalf of the club, Harry Collins presented Krause with an appreciative plaque marking his 25 year service to the Wausau based club and numismatics in general. Krause is an honorary life member of the Wisconsin Valley Club.



# Red Carpet leases Expo Center to GE



1981 NOW CONVENTION

By Mark Ferguson

The 1981 NOW Convention returns to the club that sponsored the first NOW Convention back in 1960! The Fox Valley Coin Club of Appleton held the first NOW show at the Masonic Temple in that city. This club is an old club formed back in 1955. At that time it was called the Twin Cities Coin Club which met in Neenah-Menasha. In 1958 the meetings were moved to Appleton and the club became the Fox Valley Coin Club.

The club's current members are enthusiastic about the May Convention and are working hard to see that it is an event to remember. This is the 21st Annual NOW Convention!

Shock waves rolled thru Wisconsin numismatics on November 23rd when the Milwaukee area clubs lost the popular Red Carpet Expo Center as a convention site. General Electric, in leasing the site as a training facility has guaranteed Red Carpet 26,000 room nights per year. The immediate outfall was the rescheduling of two popular Wisconsin spring coin shows. The South Shore event set for March 22-23 at Red Carpet has been rescheduled for March 7-8 at Mecca, and the Kenosha show, set for March 8th has been moved to March 22nd. The Milwaukee Numismatic Society fall show will also be re-sited.

Red Carpet plans to remodel a 100,000 square foot warehouse on South 3rd Street for convention use.

THE OLD NOW NEWS IS BACK!

The November issue of "Milwaukee Numismatic News" has a dandy story by MNS President, John Wilson, on "The Treasury Seal of the United States". We'll ask him if we can reprint it in the spring issue of NOW News, you'll like it!



## A NEW TWIST TO AN OLD HOBBY

By Randy Miller - WNW

There are many ways of collecting coins, two of the most popular are date set of a series, where you try to obtain a coin of each date and mint mark, and the type coin set where only a single coin of each type is needed. These are by far the most common ways of collecting coins, but now some new ways of doing the same thing!

For instance, how about collecting Jefferson nickels as a set, all double struck, or maybe a Bi-Centennial set, all 3 coins clipped, or a type set, all off center.

Other challenges could be a complete set of known overdates, this would include the 1942/1 dime, 1918/17 Buffalo nickel and Standing Liberty quarter, and many other famous coins.

A popular error collection which is relatively inexpensive is the die variations in the word "Liberty" on Lincoln cents. A more expensive but interesting set is the error type set, which would include double struck, off center, clips and wrong planchets.

There are two sets I like personally, these are off center Indian cents, and cents struck on dime planchets.

In off center Indians, I have collected 13 different dates, including 1865, 1882, 1906 (AU) and 1908 which is a little tougher date. On the cents on dime planchets, I had 1920, 1943-s, 1958, 1963 and 1980, but recently sold them after receiving an offer I couldn't refuse.

So if you are looking for a new way to collect old coins, why not try this "twist"?

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## AWARD TO CASPER

Tom Casper (NOW #982) of Milwaukee, was honored by the Token and Medal Society (TAMS) for his research article on the "Tokens of the Cracker Jack Company." Tom received one of the two honorable mention awards by TAMS for 1979/80.



## HISTORY OF THE NICOLET COIN CLUB

By Hank Theele

This is an attempt to put on paper a brief history of the development of the Nicolet Coin Club at Green Bay, Wisconsin. However, written records are limited.

From the surviving minutes, it appears that Paul K. "temporary Chairman", called the meeting of 26 July 1960 to order, and that the first known club officers were elected at that meeting. On 23 August 1960 George B. made the report of the committee on by-laws. However, details are missing.

By 31 December 1960 the club had 40 paid up charter members. That compares with about 65 paid up members as of Sept. 1980. By contrast, there were 124 paid up members in Nov. 1969.

However, in a November 1969 membership study it was reported that "from the old club membership records it was found that we originally had 25 founding members in the Fall of 1959".

Whatever the exact date of founding of the club, the first meetings were held at the YMCA on Jefferson Street in downtown Green Bay. In 1973 meetings were moved to the Neville Public Museum on Jefferson and Doty Street in downtown Green Bay.

The 1969 study on mem-

bership found that on the average a member is around for only 2.8 years. However, the study was based on records of paid up members. My own experience has been that people join and then leave and later return. Also, you do not have to be a paid up member to attend the meetings.

Junior members were 30% of the charter members in 1960. But in 1980 I don't recall seeing any at the meetings. Presumably, the high prices have discouraged them. They are still to be seen at the local "flea-markets" where low priced coins can be found.

The buying and selling of coins was the driving force of the club in the mid 1960s. As a young kid I can remember that it was the best place to go to buy or sell coins. From time to time someone would open a part time coin shop, usually to close it within two or three years. There were and still are some Antique Dealers who dabble part time in coins. But in the '60s the action was at the twice monthly club meetings. Since about 1974 Green Bay has had full time coin dealers.

The mid 1970s saw some changes. The local coin market moved out from the club meetings. Full time coin dealers became permanently established in the Green Bay

area. At about the same time the low priced coins that the young collectors like moved out to the "flea-markets".

Around here profit was always a motive behind collecting. From the beginning people were learning Numismatics to pick the goodies from out of circulation. When the goodies were gone interest started to fall off. Fortunately interest was sustained over time by economic changes and government activities. As the older coins rapidly disappeared the new Kennedy half, the change in coinage metals, and the premium once paid for silver certificates (remember them?) helped keep interest up in the 1960s.

In the 1970s the fluctuating price of bullion, the new dollar coins, and speculation helped maintain the little interest that remains in Numismatics. A surge in the price of silver or gold will always see more people at the meetings.

Since the late 60s the club has experimented with guest speakers, movies and slide-shows. A club picnic and club banquet were established. A flood of money from some very successful winter and spring coin shows subsidized activities. Since the mid-60s the club has had an attendance prize and a self-sustaining door prize

given out at the meetings. In the late 1970s a financial crunch set in, and in 1980 the picnic was cancelled to conserve funds.

The club has a hard core attendance at meetings of 15 to 30 people. The summer 1980 attendance has averaged about 22 people.

Who comes to the meetings? The people all appear to be part of the "Middle Class". Well to do but not rich. No one dresses up.

In January of 1968 the club incorporated itself under Chapter 181 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The Nicolet Coin Club, Inc., is "without stock and not for profit". The incorporation allows the people who comprise the club a limited liability while on club business. Incorporation was deemed necessary after threats of a law suit were made. The law suit never materialized.

Green Bay was host to three NOW Coin Shows. The first was in 1965. Another in 1970 and 1976. The most successful coin show we ever had was the Billion Dollar Treasury Exhibit show on 23 March 1969. We gained 22 new members from that show alone.

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Hey out there. It would be interesting to see how the other Wisconsin Coin



Clubs have done. Why not write to NOW News with your club's history?

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The Nicolet Coin Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Time is 7:30 PM. The place is the Neville Public Museum, corner of Jefferson and Doty in downtown Green Bay. Enter off of Doty street. Door opens 7:00 PM. Visitors are always welcome.

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### NUMISMATIC "ERA" ARRIVES

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Kurt and Kathy Krueger

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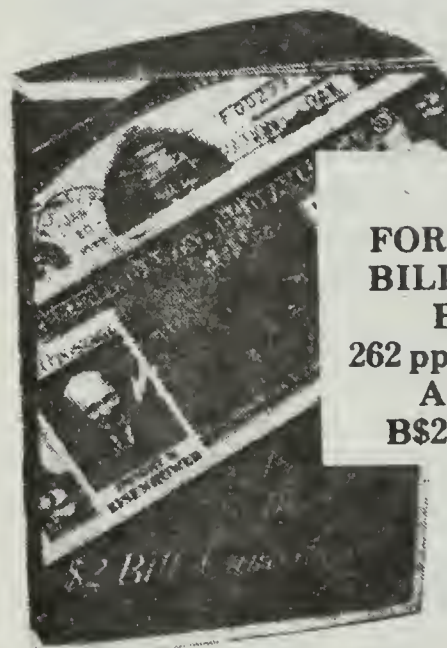
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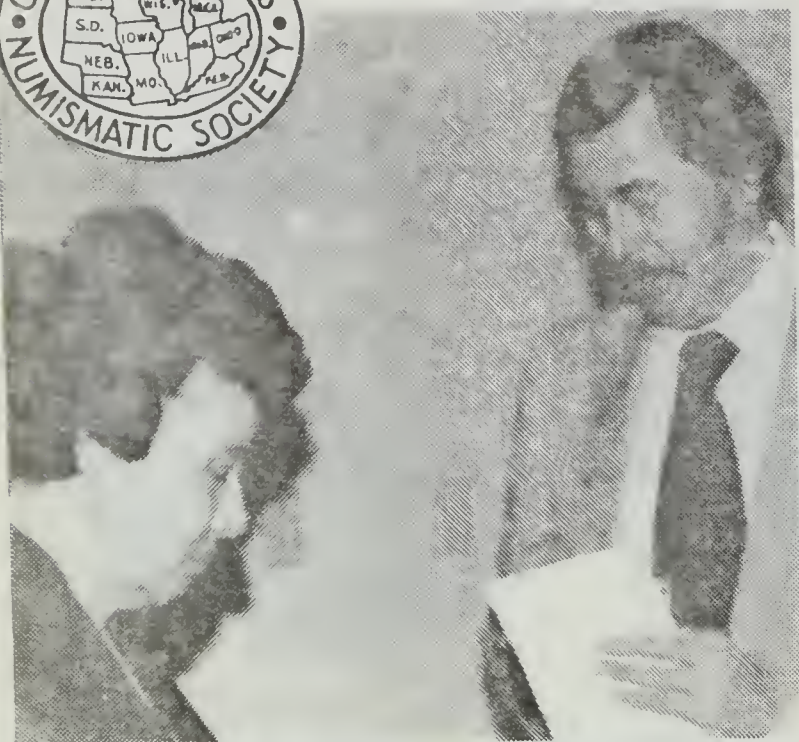
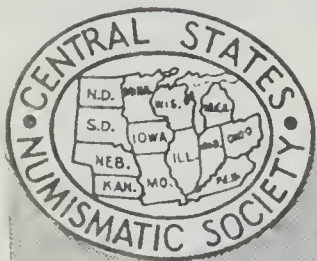
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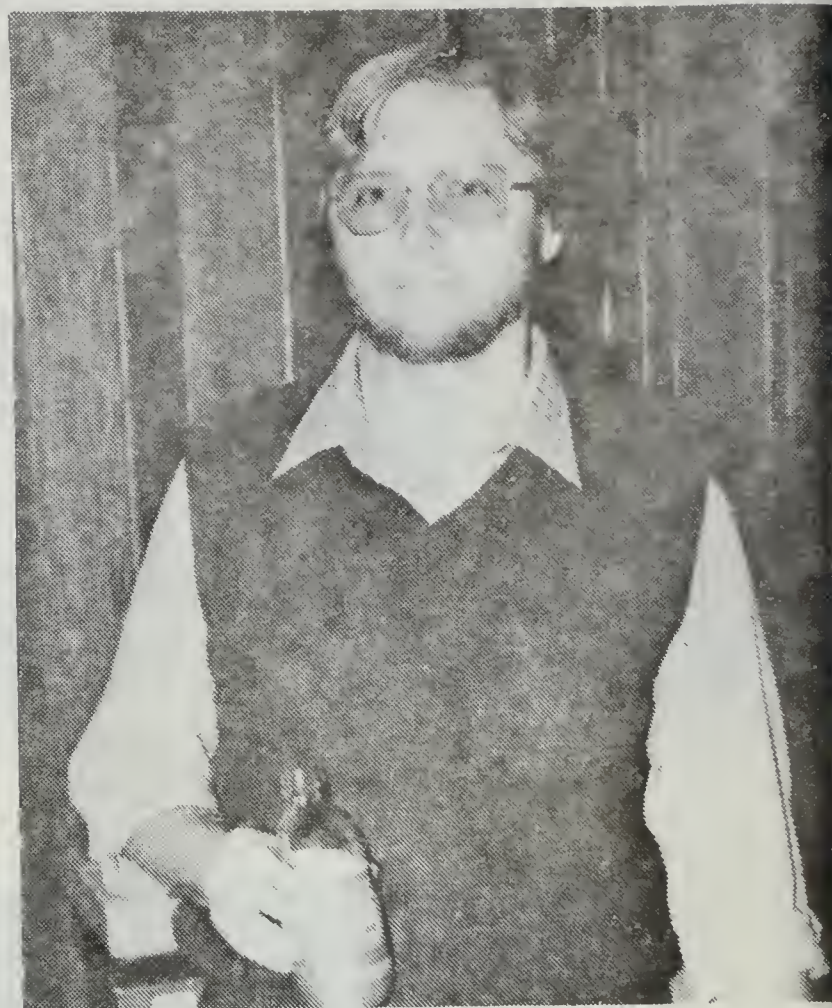
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Secretary Marjorie Owen and board member Dick Grinolds check the lunch snacks at Milwaukee interim meeting.



"Centinel" Editor Kevin Foley manned a bourse at the Appleton Fall Show. Kevin collects and writes about U.S. paper money.



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